

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (original): A split-frame system for a motor vehicle transporting a trailer, comprising:

- A. a front frame having a rear end;
- B. a rear frame having a front end;
- C. said rear end of said front frame is coupled directly to said front end of said rear frame;
- D. a front axle transversely mounted to said front frame, said front axle mounting a plurality of wheels thereon;
- E. a rear axle transversely mounted to said rear frame, said rear axle mounting a plurality of wheels thereon; and
- F. a fifth wheel mounted to said rear frame, said fifth wheel couples said trailer to said rear frame, the front end of said rear frame pivotally mounting to the rear end of said front frame.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The split-frame system for a motor vehicle transporting a trailer, as recited in claim 1, further comprising a dampening device having a top end and a bottom end, the top end of said dampening device pivotally mounted to said ~~front frame~~ rear frame, the bottom end of said dampening device pivotally mounting to said ~~rear frame~~ front frame.

Claim 3 (original): The split-frame system for a motor vehicle transporting a trailer, as recited in claim 1 whereby the rear frame may pivot about a transverse axis of said rear frame relative to said front frame.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The split-frame system for a motor vehicle transporting a trailer, as recited in claim 3, further comprising a dampening device having a top end and a

bottom end, the top end of said dampening device pivotally mounting to said ~~front frame~~  
rear frame, the bottom end of said dampening device pivotally mounting to said ~~rear frame~~  
front frame.